

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government is considering to undertake a study of hank yarn requirement in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Union Government is considering to modify the Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Government proposes to focus on technical textiles, promoting research and development, obtaining patent for products developed by the Centres of Excellence and putting a monitoring mechanism in place; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) & (b): A study on "Trends in Production, Distribution and Demand for Hank Yarn and issues related thereof" was done through M/s Technopack Advisors Pvt. Ltd in 2014. The final report, submitted by the agency, was accepted by Ministry of Textiles on 11.06.2015.

(c): No, Madam.

(d) & (e): Government has taken several measures to promote research and development in the technical textiles sector in the country. The Technology Mission on Technical Textiles (TMTT) is being implemented on pan India basis and the Scheme for Promoting Usage of Agrotexiles in North-Eastern Region and the Scheme for Promoting Usage of Geotechnical Textiles in North-Eastern Region are implemented for all North Eastern States. The other steps being taken by the Ministry of Textiles to promote Technical Textile sector in the country are as under:-

- (i) Under the "Amended Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (A-TUFS)", 15% capital investment subsidy is provided on eligible machines under Technical Textiles.
- (ii) In the Budget 2016-17, custom duties on select speciality fibres have been reduced.
- (iii) Standards of different segments of Technical Textiles are notified from time to time.
- (iv) An annual premier event is organized on technical textiles TECHNOTEX with the objective of promotion and building business linkages between the Indian Technical Textile Industry and the International Technical textile fraternity.
- (v) Focus Incubation Centers (FICs) have been sanctioned at six Centers of Excellence. An amount of Rs. 17.45 Crores has been released for the FICs.
